

HOUSE BILL 1259

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 23,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to examinations for the
purpose of being licensed to practice law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 23-1-103, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b)

(1) By January 31, 2016, the court shall promulgate a rule establishing a procedure whereby any person who is otherwise qualified may apply for and take the Tennessee bar examination, regardless of whether the person attended or graduated from a law school.

(2) A person sitting for the bar examination pursuant to this subsection (b) who is successful on the bar examination shall be eligible for licensure to practice law in this state the same as any other applicant who was successful on the examination.

(3) No rule promulgated by the court shall limit the number of times a person may apply for and take the Tennessee bar examination.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.